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Colonel John (Jack) Marr received his commission as an Infantry officer from Marion Military Institute in 1987. After commissioning, he completed his Bachelor's Degree at the University of Minnesota while serving as a rifle platoon leader in the 205th Infantry Brigade (USAR). After entering active duty in 1989, Colonel Marr served in every Infantry leadership position from platoon leader through brigade commander in a variety of assignments, including the 3d Infantry Division, the 4th Infantry Division, the 25th Infantry Division, the 82d Airborne Division, and the First US Army. Outside of tactical units, he has served as an instructor at the Infantry Advanced Course, as an aide-de-camp to the Chief of Infantry, as a planner on the XVIII Airborne Corps and CENTCOM Staffs, as the Military Assistant to the Deputy US Military Representative to the NATO Military Committee, and as an instructor at both the US Army's School for Command Preparation and School of Advanced Military Studies. As a Major, he deployed with the 82d Airborne Division to both Afghanistan (Operation Enduring Freedom III) and Iraq (Operation Iraqi Freedom I). Colonel Marr later served as the Commander of 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment (3d Infantry Division) at Fort Benning where he led Soldiers through a 14 month deployment to Iraq as part of the "surge" (Operation Iraqi Freedom V). Most recently, Colonel Marr served as the commander of the 189th Infantry Brigade (Training Support) at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington.

Colonel Marr is a graduate of the US Army Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the US Army Command and General Staff College, the School of Advanced Military Studies, and the Advanced Operational Studies Fellowship. He holds Masters' Degrees from Saint Mary's University (Kansas) in Management Science, and two separate degrees from the School of Advanced Military Studies in both Theater Operations and Strategic Studies.